

**Holy Communion**  
**Sunday, July 7, 2019**  
**Pastor - Rev. Harold Usgaard**  
**Organist - Lori Free**

Organ Prelude

Pastor's greeting

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Sermon

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Dismissal

**WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS**  
**CELEBRATING OUR 137th YEAR**  
**IN HIS SERVICE**  
**1882 - 2019**

The Rev. Harold "Huck" Usgaard is a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. He retired in 2018 after most recently serving as Assistant to the President for Church Relations at Portico Benefit Services, a ministry of the ELCA.

Huck is Bishop Emeritus of the Southeastern Minnesota Synod, having served two six-year terms between 2001 and 2013. Prior to that, he had served as a pastor at Zumbro Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN; at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in West Allis, WI; and at St. Olaf Lutheran Church in Austin, MN. He holds degrees from Luther College and Luther Seminary, and was ordained a pastor in 1973.

Huck and his wife, Lynette, live in Rosemount, MN. They are proud parents to three grown children and two grandsons. This means that much of their time is spent attending their grandsons' basketball games, soccer matches, and concerts... as well as providing dog sitting services for the family. And they couldn't be happier.

*We welcome all visitors worshipping with us today. If you spend time in Door County please consider becoming a member of our special ministry. Contact any member for information.*

**All baptized Christians who celebrate the Real Presence in the Sacrament of Communion are invited to the Lord's Table.**

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and follow our worship service live, and archived,  
on the web site.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.*

Joining our voices with God's people around the world, let us offer our prayers for those in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church and its ministries; for pastors and musicians; for teachers and leaders, that their joyful noise clearly announce your reign of peace come near, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For your works revealed in creation: for rivers and streams; for thunderstorms and sunshine; and for those preparing for harvesttime, that you inspire our care for the earth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For peace and justice in the world; for all levels of government; for areas affected by strife, that those in authority always work for the good of all, bringing your justice to all people, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For the sick and those who console them; for prisoners and those who show them mercy; for the downtrodden and those who help them flourish; for those suffering from malaria and zika; and for all in need of care (*especially*), that you comfort them as a mother comforts her child, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those spending time with friends and family this summer; for those making employment decisions; for those uncertain what the future holds, that they set their minds on Christ who has called us to himself, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who have inspired us by their witness to the gospel, that with them we will know the confidence of being held in your embrace, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, you hear the prayers of your people even before they are spoken. We commend these and all our prayers to you, trusting in your abundant mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**



# Celebrate

Sunday, July 7, 2019  
4th Sunday after Pentecost

*God is the source of our nourishment. Our Lord's invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In the holy eucharist, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

## Prayer of the Day

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

*Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.*

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad  
for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup>that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup>For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an

overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her

arm,

and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup>As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup>You shall see, and your heart shall  
rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the  
grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the  
LORD is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against  
his enemies.

## Preparing for Next Week

**Monday** Psalm 119:73-80. **Tuesday** Jeremiah 8:4-13. **Wednesday** Joshua 23:1-16. **Thursday** (commemoration of Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540) Psalm 25:1-10. **Friday** (commemoration of Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, 1931) Genesis 41:37-49. **Saturday** Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37. **5th Sunday after Pentecost** Deuteronomy 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.

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All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name.

Be joyful in God, <sup>1</sup> all you lands;  
be joyful, <sup>1</sup> all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's name;  
sing the glory <sup>1</sup> of God's praise.

<sup>3</sup> Say to God, "How awesome <sup>1</sup> are your deeds!  
Because of your great strength your enemies <sup>1</sup> cringe before you.

<sup>4</sup> All the earth bows <sup>1</sup> down before you,  
sings to you, sings <sup>1</sup> out your name." **R**

<sup>5</sup> Come now and see the <sup>1</sup> works of God,  
how awesome are God's deeds <sup>1</sup> toward all people.

<sup>6</sup> God turned the sea into dry land,  
so that they went through the wa- <sup>1</sup> ter on foot,  
and there we re- <sup>1</sup> joiced in God.

<sup>7</sup> Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- <sup>1</sup> ver the nations;  
let no rebels ex- <sup>1</sup> alt themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Bless our <sup>1</sup> God, you peoples;  
let the sound of <sup>1</sup> praise be heard.

<sup>9</sup> Our God has kept us a- <sup>1</sup> mong the living  
and has not allowed our <sup>1</sup> feet to slip. **R**

*In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."*

[My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if

we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>11</sup>See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! <sup>12</sup>It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. <sup>13</sup>Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. <sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## Gospel

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

*Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

<sup>3</sup>Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves.

<sup>4</sup>Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' <sup>6</sup>And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

<sup>7</sup>Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup>cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The

kingdom of God has come near to you.'

<sup>10</sup>But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup>'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>16</sup>'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

<sup>17</sup>The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" <sup>18</sup>He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup>See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."